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TRINITY CHAT WINTER 2024

From the East Side to the West Side

I am just back from the church on Remembrance Sunday, having forgotten to get my article done on Friday. I read the notice out at church (the church where I started four months ago) about the deadline for their magazine (which I also forgot to do by Friday) and I was like – I'd better get the one done for KAT too!!



A week or so ago, I was reflecting on the first four months at my new charge of Carntyne and Cranhill by making a Tik Tok video for social media. Not everyone uses social media but it is something that I do and enjoy as a pastime. Tik Tok is a place where you put short videos, ones that you make yourself or ones other people make and you share them out of interest. I use it to promote our community work at the church and share stuff about my dogs, Layla and Nanook.

Today at Carntyne and Cranhill I shared with the kids this quote by Saint Francis Assisi: **'Preach the gospel at all times and, when necessary, use words'** and I can do that so easily with my dogs and my stepdaughter, Eilidh. For the dogs know they are loved because I hug and kiss them all the time, walk them and feed them. I don't go out at night so much to make sure they are ok, I take them on holiday, give them treats and have a basketful of toys just for them. As for Eilidh, apart from walking her (she is 16 and not a walker!) she knows by my actions that I love her, but would my next-door neighbour know that Jesus calls me to love her?

Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church

Would she know that Jesus calls me to preach the gospel to her, just as much as we do on Sundays, and to do it with actions rather than words? There are so many little ways we can do it, ways we are already doing it, that help us preach and share the gospel. And there is always room for us to do better, do more and be more effective.

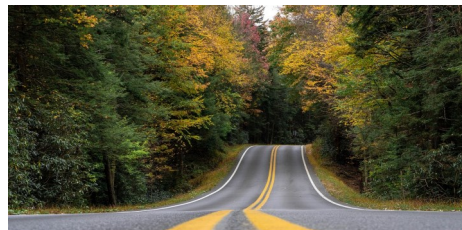
In those four months over here in the east at Carntyne and Cranhill, since mid-August when Fiona demitted, I have been coming to the west as your Interim Moderator. I have been mostly with your Kirk Session and at the Service of Thanksgiving and new beginnings for the St Margaret's building. I would have liked to have attended more services but, since I had just started in my new charge, it was not the right moment. I was grateful to be able to attend the Harvest Service.

In the short amount of time I have been with you I have seen moments where the gospel is in action. I have also seen difficult moments, tears and hurt. I have also seen kindness, care and love. My duties as Interim Moderator come to an end on Thursday 21st November when the last piece of the puzzle – the Service of Union with St David's – takes place. Know that from here I will continue to hold you in my prayers for wherever the unknown road takes you.

'Finally, our friends, pray for us that the Lord's message may continue to spread rapidly and be received with honour, just as it was among you.'

2 Thessalonians 3:1

Rhona McDonald
Interim Moderator





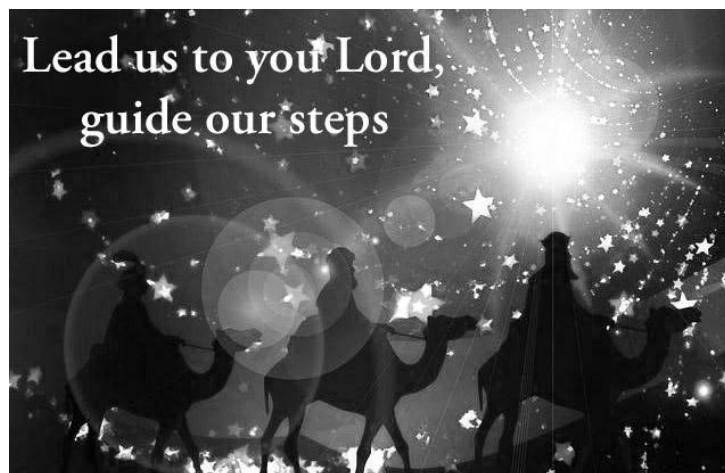
Prayer for Christmas :

Gracious God we come to this time of year as we think ahead to the start of Advent and the coming of Christ into our lives. Allow us Heavenly Father to think back to the time of Remembrance; may we stop and remember those who died or served in conflicts gone by and the fallout these wars have on those affected. We pray for the current conflicts in Ukraine and in Israel and Palestine at this time. We can only imagine what those caught up in these wars are going through. We see the sadness on our televisions and newspapers each day of the atrocities which are happening on the very land that our Saviour once walked more than 2000 years ago. As we enter this time of Advent may we not forget the true meaning of Christmas. We can confess at times we can get tied up in the busyness of the season and spend more money than we can afford to. Allow us to be thankful for what we have and appreciate and reflect on those in our city and further afield who may get nothing and the time of Christmas is just another day. Gracious God hear our cries, hear our confessions and hear our thanksgivings in your Heavenly Name we ask it.
Amen.

With the demission of Fiona and the retiral of Graham, the final piece of the union will take place on 21st November, finalising the union of all three former congregations. Rhona and Stuart have floated the idea of a period of time of Interim Ministry with Kirk Sessions of current St David's and Knightswood Anniesland Trinity, to support the newly formed union. The Presbytery Mission Plan Implementation sought the approval of Presbytery on the 12th of November to submit on our behalf for an application for an Interim Ministry to us at KAT, this was passed.

Darran Golby (Ministries Development Manager with Faith Action) will meet with us all on Wednesday 11th December 7:30pm to present the Interim Ministry Scheme, Grant Barclay the Presbytery Clerk will chair the meeting and field any questions. Darran will speak to the presentation and advise about the vote. But I must **stress**, if the congregation does not feel this is the way forward for you all, that is absolutely ok, this is just an option that could be useful for us following the last few years. Only members and adherents are allowed to vote, and you can't vote if you're not there ie. No postal votes or proxy votes.

Rhona McDonald
Interim Moderator



I'm writing to tell you that after the Service of Union on Thursday 21st of November I have been asked to become the Interim Moderator for the new Knightswood Anniesland Trinity congregation. This will, I hope, be a reassurance to you? I have, since Graham's accident, been with St David's in this same capacity since the start of the year. I have been present at key meetings, most obviously chairing Kirk Session Meetings, but also attending meetings of the Parish Grouping Council. It was also possible for me to be with you on Sunday 4 August when the Scheme of Delegation presented their report. In all this time I've been listening and empathising with your long journey towards a settled future in terms of buildings and adjustment and ministry. It's been a period of great uncertainty and, as I've listened and got to know many of you, I am determined to do what I can to help you all write the next chapter of the story. The New Testament is full of letters to churches. And so, this is mine to you. I want to offer you words of comfort and encouragement from my own journey in uniting two congregations in Maryhill and Ruchill (and I know that many of you have friends and connections across the city). It was hard, it was upsetting and absolutely involved loss and grieving. It brought me many sleepless nights. But we are now two years on and beginning to lift our heads and imagine a new and better future and one that God is revealing to us little by little and step by step. So **'be strong and courageous' (Deuteronomy 31:6)** and I look forward to the next chapter and to serving alongside as you write it.

Stuart Matthews
Interim Moderator

You'll read more about this possibility below ...

Stuart Matthews
Interim Moderator

Interim Ministry

The Church of Scotland has employed Interim Ministers for the last 25 years and over 80 congregations from around the country have benefitted from this type of ministry.

Interim Ministers are ordained ministers who have experience of working in a parish and have particular skills in helping congregations find a vision for the future and enabling them to work together to achieve it. Most often, Interim Ministers will work with congregations where there have been challenges in congregational life and there is a desire from local parties to address the challenges.

Interim Ministers are deployed by Faith Action (a committee of the National Church) and will typically work with congregations for a period of 18 months – 2 years. During this period the congregation's right to call will be sisted (paused). A congregation does not call an Interim Minister but will have a vote to decide if Interim Ministry is something they would like to pursue. Should this be the case, an Interim Minister will be appointed to the congregation.

Possible Timeline / Process

- The Implementation Committee (the committee in Glasgow that deals with this matter) will seek Presbytery's approval to apply for Interim Ministry for the united congregation. [Oct/Nov]*
- Should that be forthcoming, an application will be submitted by Glasgow Presbytery to Faith Action (Edinburgh). [Tuesday 12 November]*
- Faith Action (Edinburgh) will consider the application and if approved, will select a date with the Presbytery to hold a congregational meeting. [Wednesday 11 December]*
- At that meeting a presentation on Interim Ministry will be given by Daran Golby of Faith Action and thereafter the congregation will be asked to vote to indicate their decision. [Wednesday 11 December]*
- Should the congregation vote in favour of Interim Ministry, an Interim Minister will be deployed to the Presbytery for the congregation. [Jan/Feb/Mar]*

" God heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147: 3

Friends, I want to share a brief word, to say an enormous thank you to people who have been praying for me and sent me messages of support. I am so humbled by your kind words.

I have appreciated so much of what I have experienced in the years of my ministry with you - the opportunity to learn together about our Christian faith, to enjoy the beauty and love of Jesus Christ in creative ways with all ages, and to work together as a team to share our faith with others. Thank you to everyone who has supported that vision.

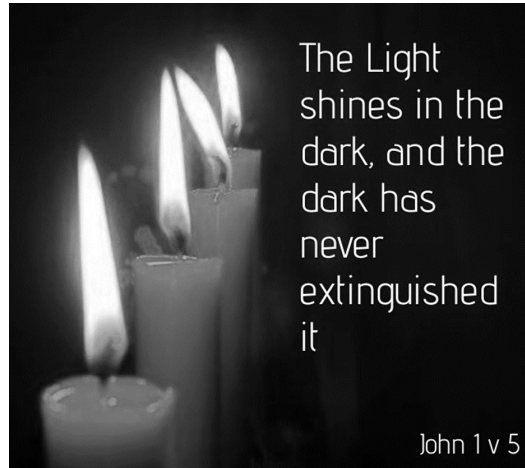
I am especially grateful to everyone who has given to Epilepsy Connections, a wonderful local charity supporting people with epilepsy - you have given £700 - and I am so pleased that this money can go to such a good cause. Thank you for your generosity. As some of you may know, my late husband had intractable epilepsy, so I really appreciate this wonderful amount to support others with this difficult disability.

I am deeply sorrowful at leaving you in this way at this time, but circumstances have overtaken me, so to allow you as a congregation a new start after all that has taken place, I have stood aside. I miss you all, and my mail is being forwarded, so if you want to be in touch, you can still contact me at the manse address, or by email for the next wee while.

Wishing you every blessing in this new union, and as you seek to build bridges and share the love of God with others around you,

With love and prayers,

Fiona



Congregational Register

Baptism – we give thanks for the baptism of:

Lily Jay McKelvie-November 2024

Certificate of transfer

Murdo MacDonald to Renfrew-March 2024

Deaths - “blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”

Jean Munro - February 2024

Margaret Best - April 2024

Marion Gormon - June 2024

Betty Loudon - July 2024

Elizabeth Aitken (Betty) - August 2024



Gail Grieve Joint session clerk

I hope this finds you all well. I am not sure where to start as so much has happened in the last few months. Hopefully, you all managed to enjoy the summer months and had time to recharge your batteries. The last article I wrote for the summer magazine I was preparing for a weekend away with the Boys Brigade and now for this one I have just returned from our second weekend away!

So much has happened in the last couple of months. The Scheme of Delegation made their decision about the building configuration that we will use going forward and this was duly agreed by Presbytery. Sadly, Fiona announced that she was demitting from the ministry, and we said our farewells to her in August. We had a lovely meal with Fiona at 1051 GWR in September, which allowed people to say their own personal goodbyes. Our collection for Fiona raised £700. This has now been given to Fiona and she will pass this on to Epilepsy Connections. Fiona is very grateful for everyone's prayers and good wishes at this time. Please can I

ask that you keep her in your prayers in the weeks and months to come. We have been extremely fortunate to have the Reverend Martin Forrest lead us in worship each week. I am sure you will agree that Martin's services are inspiring and thought provoking. I have very much enjoyed family time, especially when he put a tent up in the sanctuary and then soaked us all with water!

Currently we have an Interim Moderator, Rhona MacDonald, who has been guiding the Kirk Session and chairing the Session meetings. We have had a Thanksgiving Service to remember the years of service that the St Margaret's Church brought to the local community. We are now preparing for the Service of Union on 21st November when our friends from St David's Knightswood will unite with KAT Church and complete the trinity.

The Kirk Session will now be working to merge the existing teams from both congregations together. There is always the opportunity to be part of the teams that keep our church running. If this is something you would like to pursue, please speak to myself, David, or Jan.

Gail Grieve

Joint Session Clerk



David Adams Joint session clerk

On the 2nd of April, 1932, the Presbytery of Dumbarton dedicated the church building of Knightswood St Margaret's. 92 years later the Presbytery of Glasgow reached the decision to close it. The committee delegated to make the decision, following surveys of all three buildings in the proposed union, decided that St Margaret's ranked 3rd out of three, a decision which was duly ratified by Presbytery.

On Sunday the 3rd of November, 2024, the last service was conducted in what many of us thought was a beautiful building. For many there, especially those who have known no other church, it was a sad occasion, yet the service itself was uplifting, due in no small part to our Interim Moderator, Rev Rhona McDonald and our regular preacher, Rev Martin Forrest with contributions from Wilma Macaulay (St Margaret's history) and Robert McFarlane (prayer and readings). Add to that a good turn-out of members of the former St Margaret's, supplemented by members of our partner churches, St David's and the former Temple Anniesland and some folk who just wanted to be there. The choir was in fine voice, as were the members of the congregation, and those participating played their part in making it special, not least Miss Lily Jay McKelvie who smiled broadly throughout her baptism, conducted by Martin.

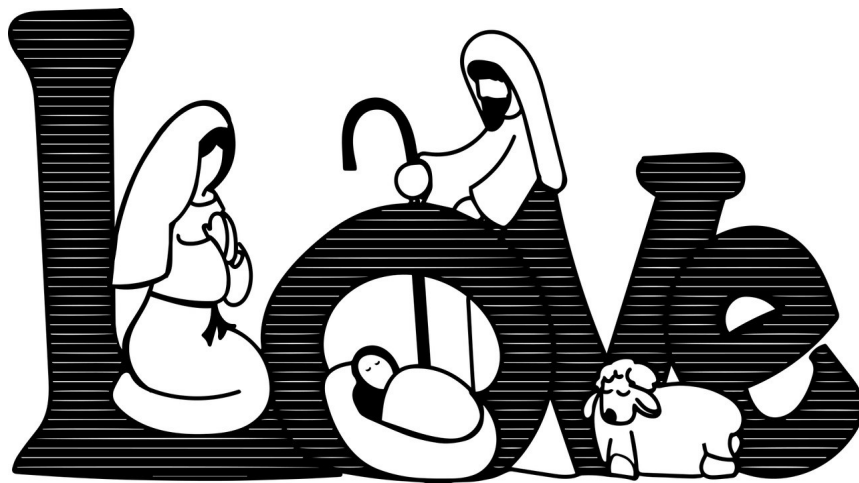
What was to follow was an amazing buffet, courtesy of a volunteer team of bakers, tea and coffee providers and servers who did all of us proud. Getting a slice of the baptismal cake was an added bonus.

A huge vote of thanks is due to all those who made it such a success. On a personal note, it did hee-haw for my efforts to lose weight, but jings, did I enjoy it? And so, I'm sure, did everyone else there.

St Margaret's will remain open until sold but not for services of worship. It's to be hoped that we can hold onto some of our outside

organisations who presently use the halls. The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland have made it clear we have to continue to use the buildings and maintain them until sold or otherwise disposed of.

David Adams,
Joint Session Clerk



Treasurer's report

Well, where have the months gone, I can't believe it's nearly Christmas!

Over the last couple of months, we have been preparing for the union with St David's Knightswood and I would like to thank David Rankine for his help in organising all the changeover of contact detail for the utilities and Church of Scotland etc. and being available to answer any questions I have and pointing me in the right direction.

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to thank the count teams for all their hard work every Sunday, Fiona for organising the Gift Aid claims and Eileen for her admin assistance.

With regards to finances unfortunately we will most likely be ending the year with a deficit which isn't surprising as most months our outgoings are more than our income and now that we have the cost of three church buildings and two manses to pay for, things are going to be financially challenging. With energy costs being one of our larger expenses and now that we are into the winter months, I would ask those using our buildings to be careful and ensure lighting and heating are switched off when not required.

Weekly giving is one of our main sources of income and I would like to express my thanks to all who have given regularly and generously the past year, your support has been vital and is greatly appreciated.

As we continue to look for ways to reduce our expenses, you could help out by making your offering through the bank instead of using offering envelopes. This maybe only make a small saving but every little helps! If you would like to pay through the bank our details are:

Bank of Scotland, Anniesland Branch
Sort Code: 80-07-15
Account number: 00832285

Another great source of income for our church is Gift Aid, and we can claim 25% (25p on every £1 donated) of your offering from HMRC if you pay income tax. I would encourage anyone who pays income tax, and has not already done so, to complete a Gift Aid form to allow us to claim this additional income which will help with the running costs of our church buildings. If you would like a form or more information, please let me know or email me at audrey.spence@katchurch.org.uk .

As we go forward into next year, I pray that we can unite together to continue the work of the Lord.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Audrey Spence
Treasurer



Family and youth worker

Over the summer in Sunday Cub our young people have been using their creative skills and reflecting on how we can share and express God's love for us all with others. They have been trying out some new artistic techniques. Together they have created a wall hanging which is displayed in the old hall so check it out the next time you are in there.

We are currently working on our Advent and Christmas programme and planning for this year's nativity service.

Because we did not have enough volunteers to run a Holiday Club this summer, we tried a Family Fun afternoon instead. Everyone was welcome whatever their age. It was well attended and attracted families we already know and some new faces. It is always so encouraging to see so many different generations joining together to explore God and His great love of us through, music, bible stories, prayer, and crafts. Spending time together over snacks gave an opportunity to chat and build relationships. This has led to some new people coming along to Messy Church. I am grateful to all who took part and helped make it the success it was. Our young leaders were among the volunteers who helped on the day. It is good to see them developing their skills and confidence in helping younger children.

In our Youth Group we will continue to support, encourage and offer space for our young people as they reflect on the issues that are important in their lives and explore faith and what it might mean to them.

Messy Church is going well. We are never sure how many people will come on the night, but our team of volunteers do a great job of welcoming and encouraging anyone who does. There have been some new families coming recently. It is a fun way to explore the bible and introduce all ages to the love of Jesus. Our next one will be on Saturday the 21st of December 4pm-6pm. If you have not been before why not come along and give it a try you will be made very welcome.

These last weeks it has good to welcome the congregation of St David's to worship with as and become formally part of KAT church. I look forward to getting to know the groups of young people and their leaders that use the St David's building. They will be invited to get involved with the Youth Development Team which offers support for our young people and their leaders. It also creates opportunities for all our groups to share in the life of our church family.

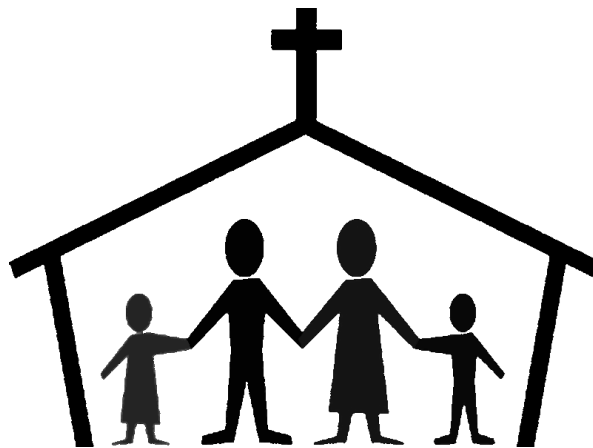
We have our Youth Development Team Christmas Fair in the Anniesland building on Saturday the 30th of November from 10am-12noon. Our uniform groups and their leaders work hard together on the Christmas Fair. All the profits are split between the church Youth Development Fund and a local charity. Please come and support our young people if you are able.

If you are interested in getting involved and helping with any of our youth activities, please get in touch.

May this festive season be filled with peace and love.

Louise Reid

Family and youth worker



Church Choir

The KAT Church Choir has been very happy to welcome the Choir of the former St. David's Church. It is so good to have men lending depth to the singing of our praise, along with our ladies who sing so beautifully. We hope that together we can lead the congregational singing and praise God in our music. David Inglis, the organist at St. David's Church, is now taking part in the organ playing and the leading of the choir in the Temple Anniesland building and it is so good that these duties are now being shared.

We practise on Thursday evenings at 7pm for an hour in the St. Margaret Building, for the time being, and also on Sundays before the weekly service. Anyone who would like to join us at these times will be made most welcome. Singing is so good for our mental and physical wellbeing and no previous experience of choir singing is necessary, just an enjoyment of singing and music.

We are now turning our thoughts to Christmas carols and music, so why don't you join us for some Christmas cheer.

Christine Furnish



Bible Study

The bible study will finish for the year on Monday the 9th of December and will likely resume on Monday the 20th of January (weather permitting). At the moment we are studying Galatians but will start a new study in January. All are welcome to come along. We meet in the new hall (accessible from the car park at the side of the church) from 1:45-2.45pm.

For more information please contact me

Thank you

Alison Gray

Thursday mid-week service

The short KAT mid-week service is held in the Anniesland sanctuary each Thursday from 11 a.m., followed by tea or coffee and fellowship in the hall. Different people lead each week, and it is an opportunity to have a short time of reflection and peace. All are welcome!

The last service for this session will be on 12th December, and then they will re-start in the New Year - the first date will be announced in Church, and all of them will be displayed on the noticeboard in the hall.

Christine Hay



Thursday Discipleship Group

We will be starting a new study - **Busy: Tackling the problem of an overloaded Christian life** - on Thursday 21st November. This study consists of seven sessions and will run until 27th February with a break over Christmas on Thursday 2nd January. The group meet in the St David's building small hall, every second Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

In a world where everyone feels overwhelmingly busy, and when it feels that being a Christian adds to the busyness problem, this book examines what the Bible says about life and how we spend our time. Exploring the implications of being made in God's image, and also God's big overarching plan for the world (and how we fit into that plan), it then helps us establish a framework for making good decisions about all aspects of our life.

Anyone interested in coming along should contact Jan Wildy for more details

Annie's Place Café

Annie's Café is on a Friday from 1-3pm in the Anniesland building. We have a busy programme which features a different activity each week. These include our regulars like the Partick Pluckers Ukulele Group, our line dancers, Museum Box sessions with the staff from the open museum, crafts, quizzes, gardening, games and much more. Many of our activities are led by the people who come along to the Café. For full details of the current programme check out the church website www.katchurch.org.uk or pick up a leaflet in the church.

Everyone is always welcome on a Friday whether just for a cuppa and a catch up with friends, or to fully participate in the various activities.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Louise and the Annie's Café team



Can you help?

The team who prepares and serve tea and coffee on a Sunday after worship are looking for more people to join them. If you can offer any time to help, please speak to Cathy Robertson. You will usually find her in the kitchen on a Sunday after worship.

Friendship Cafe

The Friendship Café continues to meet in the St. Margaret Building on Tuesdays at 10am and will do so until the building is no longer available. At that point we shall find alternative accommodation but unfortunately cannot move to the Temple Anniesland Building as it is too far for our members to travel there.

Despite the uncertainty around the future of the St. Margaret Building, the numbers attending the Café are often in the thirties with some new members continuing to join us. Over the past few months, we have had a 'Beach day', celebrated harvest and donated our gifts to the Blawarthill Foodbank, enjoyed a Hallowe'en party, and have had a visit from the Fire Service to advise us about safety in our homes. We have also enjoyed the contents of two memory boxes, one of which allowed us to recall our childhoods. Before the end of the year, we are having a talk about making the most of our technology and we will be enjoying the Christmas celebrations.

If you can, please do come and join us on Tuesday mornings between 10 and 11.30am. We look forward to welcoming you then for tea, toast, 'goodies' and chat.

Christine Furnish



The Bananabox Trust

You may have heard the folks from St David's talking about the Banana Box Trust or seen mention of it in their church magazine. But what is the Banana Box Trust and why Banana Box?

Well, The Bananabox Trust is a Scottish charity established in 2017 to support and send aid to the people of northern Malawi in Africa. The charity is based in Dundee and all their trustees are volunteers.

So Why Bananabox?

Good question! One of the major planks of the work is sending necessary and needed items to Malawi via containers. Almost all of these goods travel in boxes and the easiest for them to handle are banana boxes, because they stack like Lego bricks. They take their name from them; it seemed the most obvious one! They are just the right size and weight for the volunteers, they stack well in the shed and they are easy to pack into the container itself. They are also easy for the unloaders to deal with at Ekwendeni!

But they are not just about containers! The BananaBox Trust carries out and supports projects in Malawi, that can make a real difference to the people living there. The people of Northern Malawi are among the poorest in the world. Many are subsistence farmers, relying on what they can grow to feed their family. Often they fail; there is nothing for them to fall back on in such circumstances. This leads to hunger. But there is food; it is just that they can't afford it. The real issue is not hunger, but poverty. Giving food, or giving money, deals with the immediate problem. But this is only dealing with a symptom. The hunger will resurface next week, next month, next year. The Bananabox Trust aims to deal with the real issue, which is poverty. In addition to sending essential and needed goods, they aim to do so by:

- Identifying entrepreneurs and assisting them in their businesses
- Working with communities to help them to develop Training in

business and financial skills

Facilitating trips for other charities and groups

While there are a number of things which can be sent to Malawi, such as tools (mainly hand tools), sewing machines and craft material, school and other books, medical books, bicycles, toys, bedding, medical stuff including walking aids, stationery, sports equipment and strips, computer equipment, household goods and lots of others, the folks at St David's have concentrated on sending knitted cardigans and jumpers for babies and children. These knitted items actually save lives. Baby clothes sent to Malawi are being used to encourage expectant mums who can't afford clothes to give birth in Hospital. That way mums are in the best place if things should go wrong and medical intervention is required.

There are three ways you can get actively involved in helping this project:

If you are a knitter, we would be grateful for any donations of baby or children's cardigans, jumpers or hats to send in future banana boxes.

If you can't knit, then why not consider making a donation for the cost of transporting the containers to Malawi. It costs £17.50 for each banana box that is loaded into the shipping container to cover costs. Perhaps you could donate old unused balls of wool or knitting needles to help set up project groups among the women in Malawi


Any donations, whether knitted goods or financial, should be handed to Jan Wildy. If you would like further information on the work of the Bananabox Trust then check out their website: <https://bananaboxtrust.org> or take a look at their Facebook page



Daily Bible reading notes from United Christian Broadcasters

U.C.B. produce "Word for Today", a booklet of daily Bible reading notes covering three months of the year at a time. Free copies of the November - January booklets have been put on the table in the Anniesland building for people to take and use. If there are no copies left and you wish one, please see me at Church and I'll arrange for you to get it.

Christine Hay



For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
a Saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.

Luke

2:11



Blythswood Shoeboxes

This year I have filled 145 shoeboxes, I got 3 from KAT church and 15 from St David's church who kindly agreed to give us their boxes although they are not officially part of KAT church until the 21st of November. Total 163 boxes which have been taken to Blythswood. I have sent £489 to Blythswood to help transport the boxes to very needy people in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas (£3 a box).

Thanks to all who contributed by donating goods for the boxes, knitting beautiful garments, giving money to buy things (knowing I get fantastic bargains!) and money for transport. Empty shoeboxes have also been greatly appreciated. My friend Mae has covered every box (except those from St David's who handed in filled boxes).

Blythswood have delivered 2.6 million shoeboxes to people in need since 1993.

Thank you Alison Gray



201st Glasgow Guides

This term, the Guides have been working on their Know Myself theme and have been building confidence through the Network skill builder. Jasleen earned her Silver award and the Guides have earned lots of badges. They had a great visit from Peer Education and are looking forward to the Christmas Fair and the joint Christmas night with the Brownies and Rangers.

Kelvinside Rangers (written by Bea, Emma and Hannah)

We're very glad the Kelvinside Rangers unit has opened up. For Halloween we carved pumpkins. We are very excited for Christmas because there is the Christmas Fair where we can sell our own crafts to the community. We also have a fun Christmas night coming up!



133rd Brownies,

We currently have 13 very enthusiastic, friendly girls. This term we have been busy with badge work and learning about mental health in young people which is part of the Brownie programme. Also learning how to keep safe while online. We also had a trip out to the cinema and instead of a Halloween party this year we had a pyjama party with a film which the girls all enjoyed. Unfortunately, we will be losing some brownies who are going up to Guides at Christmas. If you have a daughter who is between 7 and 10, who likes making crafts, baking, learning new things and making new friends, then please come along on a Thursday night between 6:30 and 8. She will be made most welcome.

On behalf of the Brownies and Guiders, I would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and blessed New Year.

Clare Sinclair
Assistant Guider



247 Boys Brigade



Boys Brigade started back at the end of August. The start of a new session is always quite daunting as you just don't know how many will return from the summer break. Thankfully this year, most of the boys returned and even brought some friends. We have been having lots of fun each week and particularly enjoyed a game of fitness monopoly.

The last weekend in October we returned to Dalguise House in Perthshire where we had an exciting and challenging programme of canoeing, climbing, archery, zip wire, assault course, giant swing and sensory trail (an assault course wearing a blindfold). The boys and leaders had a great time and the weather was kind to us. All of these activities help the boys to grow in confidence. Several of the boys had never been away from home before and were very excited to be going away, although a little apprehensive. I have to say their behaviour was impeccable and Gail and I are very proud of them.

In recent weeks we have been thinking about Remembrance and learning about children being evacuated during the war and how that must have felt.

We would like to thank the parents for bringing the boys each week as without their support and commitment the Company would not exist.

Alan Preston

Officer in Charge (when Gail lets me!)



201st City of Glasgow Brownie unit,

The Tuesday Brownies have been busy this term working towards their Take Action theme award. This is one of 6 theme awards the programme is based on. They have completed the Speaking Out interest badge where they have picked a topic in their six and then discussed with the other six why they think their decision has been important and try to influence others to agree with them. We had some interesting topics! Some of the other activities include trying to look interested in other opinions even if they are not their own. To finish this theme, we are making positive pebbles for each other which involves writing something nice about another Brownie and then giving them as a positive message that they can keep.

The Brownies have really enjoyed this theme as they had to make decisions and practice the art of persuasion.

In January 17 Brownies are moving up to Guides so we will have spaces if anyone would like to join us.

Look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair on the 30th of November in the Anniesland building.

Lesley Murray

Brown Owl

